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Rainbow Trout and Chum Salmon Embryos" and Scannell, Phyllis, et al., Aquatic Taxa

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monitoring Study at Red Dog Mine, 1997-1998, 11/99.

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- The Complaint and Consent Decree in *United States v. Cominco Alaska Incorporated*, No. A97-267-CV (JKS).
- The Expert Declaration of Ken Fucik and documents referenced therein and the Expert Rebuttal Report of Ken Fucik and documents referenced therein.
- The Expert Declaration of Robert Moran and documents referenced therein; and the Expert Rebuttal Report of Robert Moran and documents referenced therein and attached thereto.
- The Expert Report of Kevin Brix and documents referenced therein; the Rebuttal Report of Kevin Brix and documents referenced therein; and the Supplemental Report of Kevin Brix and documents referenced therein.
- Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment and supporting documents in Kivalina Relocation Planning Committee v. Teck Cominco Alaska Incorporated, No. A02-23 I CV(JWS), filed April 28, 2003.
- Environment Consultants, North Vancouver BC, "Effects of Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) on Fertilization and Viability of Rainbow Trout and Cum Salmon Embryos."
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- Evangelou, V.P., Environmental Soil and Water chemistry Principles and Applications, Wiley-Interscience Publication, New York 1998.
- · Hawker, D.H., "Bioaccumulation of Metallic Substances and Organometallic Compounds," Bioaccumulation of Xenobiotic Compounds, CRC Press, Boca Raton, 1990.
 - In addition, plaintiffs may rely on:
- · Any document referenced in any of the expert declarations plaintiffs or defendants have submitted in this case.
 - Any documents produced by Teck Cominco in response to discovery in this case.
- REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 40: Please admit that none of the violations alleged in the Fourth Claim of the Complaint caused an excursion above the State of Alaska drinking water

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INTERROGATORY NO. 6: If your response to the preceding Request for Admission was anything other than an unqualified admission, please state each and every fact which support or tends to support your response.

RESPONSE:

- 1. Teck Cominco has had cadmium violations at the mine site for more than a decade.
- 2. Teck Cominco's excuses for violating its cadmium permit limitations including but not limited to human, laboratory and software error are all types of error which can easily recur.
- 3. Plaintiffs' experts believe, based on their many years of experience at mine sites, that such violations will occur in the future.

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REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 120 Please produce each and every document which contains any fact that supports or tends to support your response to the preceding Request for Admission.

RESPONSE:

The following documents are available for inspection at the law offices of the Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment, 450 Geary Street, Suite 500, San Francisco, CA 94102, and, at Teck Cominco's request and expense, the documents may be copied:

- The Mine Site Violation DMRs;
- The Exceedance Letters;
- The Lab Reports;
- The Complaint and Consent Decree in *United States v. Cominco Alaska Incorporated*, No. A97-267-CV (JKS).
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• The Transcripts of the Depositions of Enoch Adams, Leroy Adams, Andrew Koenig, Jerry

1 Norton and Joseph Swan, July 2003.

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3	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 44: Please admit that none of the violations alleged in the
4	Fifth Claim of the Complaint has caused any of the changes in the location and quantity of terrestria
5	mammals, marine mammals and fish alleged in paragraphs 6 or 11 of the Complaint.
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9	REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 123: If your response to Request for Admission No. 44
10	above was anything other than an unqualified admission, please produce all documents which refe
11	or relate to any fact upon which your response was based.
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13	The following documents are available for inspection at the law offices of the Center on
14	Race, Poverty & the Environment, 450 Geary Street, Suite 500, San Francisco, CA 94102, and, a
15	Teck Cominco's request and expense, the documents may be copied:
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17	• The Exceedance Letters;
18	• The Baseline Study;
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20	No. A97-267-CV (JKS).
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22	Relocation Planning Committee v. Teck Cominco Alaska Incorporated, No. A02-23 I CV(JWS),
23	filed April 28, 2003, and Teck Cominco's responsive briefs.
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25	REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 45: Please admit that none of the violations alleged in the
26	Fifth Claim of the Complaint caused an excursion above the State of Alaska drinking water criterior
27	in any drinking water consumed by you during the time period relevant to this Complaint.
28	PLAINTIFFS'RESPONSE TO TECK COMINCO'S 7 of 19
	PLAINTIFFS'RESPONSE TO TECK COMINCO'S FIFTH DISCOVERY REQUEST TO E. ADAMS - 31 -

physical injury by any violation of the Port Site permit alleged in the Seventh Claim of the
Complaint to prove any element of its lawsuit, and thus the RFA and RFP are not seeking to
discover relevant information. They are unduly burdensome and impossible to answer because
any disease, illness or physical injury caused by the violations could take years to manifest.

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REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 51: Please admit that you do not have any scientific report, study, or other independent, verifiable and documented evidence of any harm caused to any plants, fish or animals by any of the unpermitted discharges alleged in the Seventh Claim of the Complaint.

RESPONSE:

Denied. Plaintiffs do.

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REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 130: If your response to Request for Admission No. 51 above was anything other than an unqualified admission, please produce all documents which refer or relate to any fact upon which your response was based.

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The following documents may be inspected on reasonable notice at the offices of the Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment, 450 Geary Street, Suite 500, San Francisco, California 94102, and, at Teck Cominco's request and expense, the documents may be copied.

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• Port Site Violation DMRs.

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• Exceedance Letters.

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• The Baseline Study.

Lab Reports.

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• The Complaint and Consent Decree in *United States v. Cominco Alaska Incorporated*, No. A97-267-CV (JKS).

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• Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment and supporting documents in *Kivalina Relocation Planning Committee v. Teck Cominco Alaska Incorporated*, No. A02-23 I CV(JWS), filed April 28, 2003, and Teck Cominco's responsive briefs.

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REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 52: Please admit that none of the violations alleged in the Seventh Claim of the Complaint has caused any of the changes in the location and quantity of terrestrial mammals, marine mammals and fish alleged in paragraphs 6 or 11 of the Complaint.

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RESPONSE:

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Denied. Plaintiffs believe they might have.

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REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 131: If your response to Request for Admission No. 52 above was anything other than an unqualified admission, please produce all documents which refer or relate to any fact upon which your response was based.

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Affected Environment Section, written for the Kivalina Village Relocation

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Environmental Document (Working Draft, December 10, 2001).

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TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS (TSS) [EIGHTH CLAIM] I.

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REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 53: Please admit that you did not suffer disease, illness or physical injury caused by violations of Condition I(A)(3) in the Port NPDES permit for total suspended solids alleged in the Eighth Claim of the Complaint.

RESPONSE:

Plaintiffs object to RFA 53 on the grounds of relevance, and that it is unduly burdensome and impossible to answer. Plaintiffs need not show that they suffered any disease, illness or physical injury or were placed in imminent threat of disease, illness or physical injury by any violation of the Port Site permit alleged in the Eighth Claim of the Complaint to prove any element of its lawsuit, and thus the RFA is not seeking to discover relevant information. It is unduly burdensome and impossible to answer because any disease, illness or physical injury caused by the violations could take years to manifest.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 54: Please admit that none of the violations alleged in the Eighth Claim of the Complaint has caused any of the changes in the location and quantity of terrestrial mammals, marine mammals and fish alleged in paragraphs 6 or 11 of the Complaint.

RESPONSE:

Denied. Plaintiffs believe they may have.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 132: If your response to Request for Admission No. 54 above was anything other than an unqualified admission, please produce all documents which refer or relate to any fact upon which your response was based.

RESPONSE:

The following documents may be inspected on reasonable notice at the offices of the Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment, 450 Geary Street, Suite 500, San Francisco,

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- The Complaint and Consent Decree in United States v. Cominco Alaska Incorporated, No. A97-267-CV (JKS).
- · Memorandum from Larry Bartlett, Biologist, Corps of Engineers, to Willie Goodwin, November 8, 2000, re: informal summary and discussion of summer wildlife observations at the Red Dog Port. 004038-004042.
- Birge, Wesley J., "Toxicity of Sediment-Associated Metals to Freshwater Organisms: Biomonitoring Procedures," in Dickson, Kenneth, Fate and Effects of Sediment-Bound Chemicals in aquatic Systems, Pergamon Press, New York 1984.
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- Eisler, R., "Cadmium Poisoning in Fundulus heseroc/itus (Pisces: Cyprinodontidae) and other Marine Organisms, Journal of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, v. 28, 1971.
- · Hawker, D.H., "Bioaccumulation of Metallic Substances and Organometallic Compounds," Bioaccumulation of Xenobiotic Compounds, CRC Press, Boça Raton, 1990.
- · LaVelle, J.M., "Bioavailability of Lead in Mining Water: An Oral Intubation Study in Young Swine," Chemical Speciation and Bioavailability, v. 3, issues 3/4, Dec. 1991.
- · Mason, Christopher, Biology of Freshwater Pollution, an edition, Pearson Education Limited, London, 2002.
- · Otitoloju, A.A., "Relevance of joint action toxicity evaluations in setting realistic environmental safe limits of heavy metals," Journal of Environmental Management v.67, p.121-8, 2003.

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RESPONSE:

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INTERROGATORY NO. 10: If your response to Request for Admission No. 79 above was anything other than an unqualified admission, please identify each violation alleged in the Complaint which you believe caused or contributed to the strange taste and colors in the drinking water as alleged in paragraph 11 of the Complaint.

RESPONSE:

Violations of mine site permit conditions I(A)(1) for TDS (daily maximum), TDS (monthly average), cyanide (daily maximum), cyanide (monthly average), cadmium (daily maximum), cadmium (monthly average), and monitoring and testing; I(D)(1) for monitoring; I(H)(4) for WET (daily); I(H)(5) for WET (monthly); and Compliance Order by Consent limitations on TDS levels at Stations 10, 7 and 160.

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REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 148: Please produce all documents which refer or relate to any fact requested in Interrogatory No. 10 above.

RESPONSE:

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- The Complaint and Consent Decree in *United States v. Cominco Alaska Incorporated*, No. A97-267-CV (JKS).
- The Transcript of the Deposition of Joyce Tsuji in *Douglas v. Molycorp.* and in this case.
- e-mail from Robert B. Sanders of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to Colleen Koenig on July 31, 2001.
- Transcripts of the Depositions of Enoch Adams, Jerry Norton, Joseph Swan, Andrew Koenig and Leroy Adams, July 2003.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 80: Please admit that substances naturally occurring in the Wulik River and its tributaries could have caused the strange taste and colors in the drinking water alleged in paragraph 11 of the Complaint.

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Plaintiffs admit that substances naturally occurring in the Wulik River and its tributaries could have caused the "strange taste and colors" in the drinking water alleged in paragraph 11 of the Complaint, as some of the chemicals Teck Cominco discharges are naturally occurring it the Wulik River and its tributaries. Further, substances naturally occurring in the Wulik River and its tributaries – like aquatic invertebrates – may be killed by the discharge from Red Dog and thus cause the "strange taste and colors" noted in Wulik River water.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 81: Please admit that certain types of bacteria, if present in water, can cause odors and change of taste.

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1. Any alleged violation of Count I of the Complaint.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 82: Please admit that the Red Dog Mine did not discharge any effluent on the following days: 5/13/98, 5/14/98, 5/15/98, 5/16/98, 5/17/98, 7/26/98, 7/27/98. 10/23/98, 10/24/98, 5/13/99, 5/14/99, 5/15/99, 10/13/99, 10/14/99, 10/15/99, 10/16/99, 5/19/00, 5/20/00, 5/21/00, 6/4/00, 6/5/00, 8/4/00, 10/8/00, 10/9/00, 10/10/00, 10/11/00, 5/27/01, 5/28/01, 5/29/01, 9/2/01, 9/3/01, 9/4/01, 9/5/01, 9/6/01, 9/7/01, 9/8/01, 9/9/01, 9/10/01, 9/11/01, 9/12/01, 10/11/01, 10/12/01, 10/13/01, 10/14/01, 5/23/02, 5/24/02, 5/25/02, 8/17/02, 8/18/02, 8/19/02, 9/15/02, 10/7/02.

Plaintiffs object generally to this Request for Admission because the request is vague and ambiguous, in that it does not specify what "discharge" or "effluent" mean, nor does it specify to where, if anywhere, such discharge might have occurred. Plaintiffs object to the following days --- 5/13/98, 5/14/98, 5/15/98, 5/16/98, 5/17/98, 7/26/98, 7/27/98 — on the grounds of relevance, because 1) any discharges on these days were not covered by the current permit for the mine; and 2) plaintiffs are not alleging any violations of the previous mine permit. Plaintiffs object to the following days -10/23/98, 10/24/98 – on the grounds of relevance in that there are no violations alleged in this suit from 1998. Notwithstanding these objections, and not waiving them, KRPC denies the following dates: 10/23/98, 10/24/98, 5/13/99, 5/14/99, 5/15/99, 10/13/99, 10/14/99, 10/15/99, 10/16/99, 5/19/00, 5/20/00, 5/21/00, 6/4/00, 6/5/00, 8/4/00, 10/10/00, 10/11/00, 5/27/01, 5/28/01, 5/29/01, 9/2/01, 9/3/01, 9/4/01, 9/5/01, 9/6/01, 9/7/01, 9/8/01, 9/9/01, 9/10/01, 9/11/01, 9/12/01, 10/11/01, 10/12/01, 10/13/01, 10/14/01, 5/23/02, 5/24/02, 5/25/02 — because Red Dog Mine discharged effluent into the tailings impoundment, and perhaps other places, on those days.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 149: Please produce all documents which contain any

facts you believe support or tend to support any claim by you that Teck Cominco enjoyed any economic benefit as result of:

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